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have no information as to the actual number of men discharged as all the posts may not have been filled and as some of the men may have been provided for in the other parties.

(e) No.

(f) There is no proposal to abolish any posts in 1928–29.

Settlement

Starting of resettlement work in South Kanara.

* 928-A Q.—Mr. K. R. KARANT: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) when resettlement work was started in South Kanara and how long it is expected to proceed; and

(b) what the total estimated cost of the work is?

A.—(a) Resettlement work, so far as the revision of the registration is concerned, was started in 1925–26 and is in progress. It is not possible to say now when that work will be completed. Revision of the rates of assessment is due in some taluks in 1932–33, and in others in 1933–34 and in 1934–35.

(b) No estimate has been made.

Progress of resettlement work in South Kanara.

* 928-B Q.—Mr. K. R. KARANT: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased—

(a) to lay on the table of the House a detailed statement of the progress of resettlement work actually done in South Kanara containing such points as villages examined, statistics obtained, etc.;

(b) to state whether the Government will consider the desirability of informing the public and Members of the Legislative Council representing the district of the enquiry in its various important stages; and

(c) to state whether the Government will give an opportunity to the public and the Members of the Council representing the district to be present at the enquiry and lead and test evidence, where necessary, in order to help the Settlement officer to arrive at just conclusions?

A.—(a) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to paragraph 12 of the reports on the operations connected with survey, settlement and maintenance of revenue records and registration for the years 1926–27 and 1927–28 which have been placed on the Editors' Table. The Government have no further information on the subject.

(b) & (c) The orders of Government require the Special Settlement officer to give public notice of his presence in the tract to be resettled. Any one wishing to make any representation in connexion with the resettlement may do so to the Special Settlement officer.

Mr. K. R. KARANT:—"With reference to clause (a), may I ask the hon. Member for Revenue whether it is not a fact that these reports do not give any details at all of the work actually going on?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"That is all the details we have, Sir."

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Mr. K. R. Karant :—" If that is the case, may I know how the public is to know what sort of enquiry the Settlement officer is making, in what place and so on ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" He is expected to give the public due notice."

Mr. K. R. Karant :—" Is it not a fact that simply a notice is given with no particulars as to where and when the settlement work is going on ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" If the hon. Member will bring to the notice of the Settlement officer that due notice has not been given, I am sure he will see that the desired notice is given."

Action taken on objections to proposals not relating to rates in the scheme report for the resettlement of Kistna and Godavari districts.

*929-A Q.—Mr. D. Narayana Raju: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) what objections, if any, Government have received in respect of the proposals not relating to rates contained in the scheme report for the re-settlement of the Kistna and West and East Godavari districts ;

(b) whether the said objections have been dealt with by (i) the Special Settlement officer, (ii) Board of Revenue and (iii) Local Government ; and, if so, what opinion they have respectively expressed thereon ; and

(c) whether Government propose to give an opportunity to the Legislative Council to express its opinion thereon before finally disposing of the said objections ?

A.—(a) Objections have been received in respect of the following proposals :—

(i) that the lands north of the Ellore and Samalkota canals in the West and East Godavari districts now classified as upland dry, but regularly irrigated from the delta system, should be reclassified in accordance with the principles adopted in the delta for similar land ;

(ii) that the unsurveyed and unsettled lands within the margin of the Colair lake and waste blocks likely to be taken on patta should be classified and assessed suitably ;

(iii) that the classification of the irrigation sources in the Kaikalur taluk of the Kistna district should be overhauled and that the sources whose ayacuts are liable to regular failure of supply and submersion owing to defects of irrigation and drainage should be reduced from the second and third class to the third and fourth class ;

(iv) that lands under the Divi Pumping system should be reclassified on the basis of the rates for dry lands in the Kistna delta ;

(v) that lands on which objectionable achukattu cultivation is carried on should be liable to pay enhanced assessment as in other districts.

Representation has also been made that the lanka and padugai lands should be reclassified.